

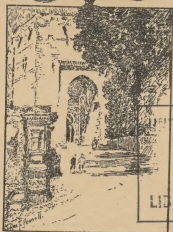
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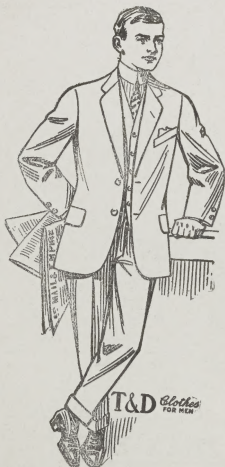
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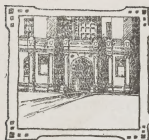
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### GOETTINGEN.

Life and work at a German university differ so much from our own that it is very difficult to make any comparisons. There are twenty-one German universities controlled by the state, and scattered all over the empire. Berlin is the largest with 10,000 students; Munich with 7,000; Leipzig with 5,000; down to Rostock with 850. Each of these universities have four faculties: Philosophy, Law, Medicine and Theology. Besides the universities there are ten technical schools, the greatest of which is at Charlottenburg. These schools correspond to our engineering colleges.

The German universities are primarily graduate schools; and English and American students must possess a college degree to matriculate. The German student possesses a certificate from a Gymnasium or Realschule, which is equivalent to our bachelor's degree, though perhaps not as broad in the number of subjects which it covers. I have found the German Gymnasium graduate better prepared for the special work of the German university than our

average college graduate. After matriculation a student is required to spend six semesters (three years) of study before he comes up for his doctor's degree; though the average time would probably be four years. It is quite common for a student to study at several universities before settling down at his final alma mater for his more serious research work, and preparation for his degree. The wealthier student often spends a winter semester in Berlin or Munich, where the city life offers many attractions; and also one or two terms at Heidelberg, Bonn Freiburg, where he makes his best friends and enters into student life.

"Lehrfreiheit" (academic freedom) is the motto of the German university. There are no compulsory lectures, attendance or discipline. Each student is left to pursue his own course and in the long run the system is highly successful. Many students abuse this freedom. Coming from the strict discipline of the Gymnasium, they delight in their freedom, and often waste the first year of their uni-

versity course. The teaching staff is composed of professors, associate professors, lecturers, and instructors in foreign languages. Each professor announces at the beginning of the year the courses he proposes to give, and if the subject is a popular one, his class is filled. All lectures are public and free for two weeks, and the student gives each course a trial before finally making his final selection. A four hour per week lecture costs \$5.00 per term, and this goes to the professor in addition to his regular salary. The instructors receive no regular salary, but depend on class fees. If his courses are very advanced or the subject is a narrow one he receives sometimes as little as \$200 per year. The advanced students take seminar work, and come into very close touch with the professors. The seminars often end up with a trip to a beer-garden where the students meet their professors on an equal footing, and get even more benefit here than at the seminars. Public lectures held by many of the instructors are attended by all classes of people.

At the head of the university stands the Rektor, appointed by the Emperor, and under him are the Dekans of the four faculties.

After these few general remarks about German universities, I will confine myself to the University of Göttingen. The life and work at Göttingen is very similar to that of Heidelberg, Bonn, Jena and Freiburg and what I say about Göttingen will hold in general for the others.

Göttingen is a town of forty thousand inhabitants, situated in the province of Hanover. The

beautiful surroundings and its nearness to the Harts Mountains, makes the life especially in the summer term very pleasant. There were 2,600 students at Göttingen in 1912; and a staff of 154 professors and lecturers. Göttingen is the centre of mathematical study in Germany. Since the time of the great astronomer and mathematician, Gauss (1777-1855) the department of mathematics has become stronger and larger, until today Göttingen holds the first place in the teaching of mathematics in the world. Such men as Klein, Hilbert, Reinze, Minkowski; Weber and others have given Göttingen its great reputation. In nearly every American University will be found Göttingen graduates and students. Among the most prominent American mathematicians who have studied and taken degrees at Göttingen may be mentioned Professors Bôcher, Bolza, Osgood, Hedrick, Kellog, Moore, Snyder, Van Vlick and Pierce. Not only in mathematics is Göttingen strong, but such men as Koch in bacteriology; Wallach and Voigt in physics; Weichert in the theory of earthquakes, and Bernstein in insurance have attracted hundreds of students. In 1911-1912 there were over 500 students taking graduate work in mathematics, among whom were 280 foreigners from all parts of the world.

There is no student life at Göttingen like that in our universities, but a student life exists; and student years are without doubt the most free and pleasant of a German's life. The students live in rooms scattered all over the town. Each student has a "Bude"



(study) and Kammer (sleeping-room). Many of them get their own breakfasts and suppers, thus living very cheaply. Their average month's expenses would not amount to more than \$25.00. About 30 per cent. of the students are members of fraternities of different kinds. In the first rank come the Korps, which are very aristocratic and exclusive. These Korps date back to the early days of the universities, and count among their alumni many men famous in the history of Germany.

Bismarck was a member of the Korps Hannovera while a student in Göttingen, and though he was forced to resign his membership on account of his wild life, he is now looked upon as the most famous member of the Korps. Next to the Korps come the Landmannschaften. Both of these are duelling fraternities with the law of unconditional satisfaction. During the first year each candidate for membership must fight four Mensurs (mild form of duel). The Korps and Landmannschaften demand that the students wear colors and caps, and uniforms and swords at all official functions during the time they are active members. The life in such a fraternity is very expensive and many large debts are incurred, which are paid off slowly after the student starts his life work. The Korps students generally come from the nobility and wealthier families, and afterwards enter government service. It is almost necessary for a law student to be a member of a Korps. It is the beginning of the Prussian military system which is supported and fostered by the men in power in Prussia.

There are a great many other types of student clubs, including the Bursenschaften, non-color-bearing fraternities, sport-clubs; religious and scientific clubs, and finally the "Freistudentenschaft." This last one has taken a strong hold on the students and especially in Leipzig has it been very successful. All non-fraternity men can become members. In the smaller university towns the "Friestunden schaft" is not very well organized; and the best type of students take little or no interest in it.

The student "Mensur" (duel) is not the mild sort of sport sometimes considered. Every Saturday morning from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. about thirty student Mensurs are fought at Göttingen. Very few fatalities occur, but their faces and heads are pretty well cut up, and they carry these scars to their grave. The more scars a man receives the more successful the duel, and a good fencer is not apt to receive much honor. The real duel arises from insult and occurs less often. In these the eyes, throat and chest are entirely exposed and they are quite dangerous to life. From our point of view, both the Mensurs and duels appear almost ridiculous; but when one has lived several years at a German university, the German point of view makes itself felt, and I think most of our American college athletes would be keen fighters and take a great interest in the Mensur.

The British-American Club in Göttingen has almost the ranks of a Korps, and has a great influence on the life of the American and British students. The club was founded in 1840, and still exists in

a very flourishing condition. It has its own club house and library. John R. Motley, J. P. Morgan, Tennyson, Bismark and ex-President Taft were members of the club while students in Göttingen. Many of the letters exchanged by Bismark and Motley are preserved in the Colony records. The object of the club is to help British and American students in their life and work at the university.

Sport was until recently almost unknown at the German universities, but since 1900 football, hockey, and track-sports have been introduced, and inter-varsity games have been played. Each university has its gymnasium,

fencing, riding and dancing instructors and they form just as much a part of the teaching staff as the professors.

For the American and Canadian graduate the German universities offer great advantages and should be well considered by those going into higher work in the various subjects. The German training in science in general is most thorough, and the student by the close contact with his professors, and by the scientific atmosphere which seems to fill the small university towns like Göttingen, obtains a great interest in and potential energy for further work in his own field.

—S. D. K.

## LIBRARY NOTES.

Since the issue of the last number of *The Gateway* the Library has had to acknowledge a very handsome gift from Archdeacon Gray, the Bishop-elect of Edmonton, Maspero's *History of Egypt*, profusely illustrated and continued to modern times by Professor Rappoport. This is a standard work which will be both of use to the student and of interest to the casual reader.

Mr. A. G. Gardiner's "*Pillars of Society*" is a book which will amuse and interest all who take an interest in the drama of contemporary history. It is a series of short sketches of public men accompanied by admirable portraits of the subjects. The

sketches of Mr. Roosevelt, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir John Simon and Mr. Bonar Law exhibit especially each a different kind of appreciation.

Mr. H. W. Lucy, so well known to all readers of *Punch* as "Toby, M. P.," has written a very entertaining volume of reminiscences which will be found among the "Readable Books."

Major Eaton has presented the library with a set of *Field Pocket Books* and *Militia Regulations* which will do much to promote the object of his lectures, which, we understand, is to arouse the interest of university men in the militia.

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## EDITORIAL.

The last issue of The Gateway will be produced in the form of a special number, and not as previously suggested—a Year Book by the Junior Class. The financial outlay for a suitable publication is too large for the university to raise at present and although the staff had hoped to see a year book inaugurated, they must yet fain be content to shoulder the burden themselves and follow the example of their predecessors. It is planned to have this last issue published and on sale towards the end of April, in fact as early as it can be got off the press. To do this involves a lot of work, especially to raise sufficient money to cover its publication. Students are asked to help the staff as much as possible by enlisting interest and raising the subscription list. We are especially in need of good financial backing if we

are to carry out our proposed plan.

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The size of this issue is the result of a little economizing on the part of the business manager, with a view to the last edition.

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Our success in debating is in process of becoming. Successful in other spheres we have yet to score a win in public speaking. Saskatchewan were victorious two years ago, and we must congratulate them on winning once again. The contests both here and at Saskatoon, were very evenly contested, so much so that the judges apparently had difficulty in naming the winners. Our representatives did exceedingly well and were unfortunate to lose. Never mind, we will win next year.

## STUDENT

## ACTIVITIES



## LITERARY SOCIETY.

The month has been a busy one for the "Lit," every week having its meeting. First there came the final concert of the contest series. It was put on by the non-resident students and the fact that, in the opinion of the judges, it was superior to the two former entertainments, is sufficient indication of its merit. The plan was original, and the unity of the program well maintained. After refreshments had been served, Mrs. Tory awarded the trophies to those who had taken part in this, the winning entertainment.

The following week saw the final debate of the Provincial High School Debating League, held under the auspices of the Society. A fine attendance and enjoyable program greeted the debaters.

This month also saw the final inter-class debate held, when the Juniors and Sophomores battled for the year's championship. The Sophomore year was represented by Messrs Ainley and Kingston, and the Junior by Messrs. Bosomworth and Hosford. The decision went to the Juniors.

On March 6th, the annual inter-University Debate was held on the question of "Cooperation vs. Private Enterprise." The affirmative was taken in Edmonton by Messrs. Kingston and Telfer, and the negative in Saskatoon by Messrs. Bosomworth and Hosford. The honors went to Sas-

katchewan in both places. One learns by failures, and we hope for a better result next year.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The annual meeting of the University Y.M.C.A. was held on March 6th, when reports concerning the work done during the past year were submitted by the six committees, all showing considerable advance over previous years.

The following officers were elected for next year: Honorary President, Mr. C. E. Race; President, F. Gillespie '14; Vice-President, G. Robertson '15; Secretary, L. Moose '17; Treasurer, H. J. Van Petten '16.

The new Intercollegiate Y. M. C. A. which consists of the three local college associations besides the University Y. M. C. A. has elected its officers and advisory board. Work for the new year will be commenced at once.

The following officers have been elected: President, A. L. Carr '12; Vice-President, G. Robinson '15; Secretary, W. Forshaw '17.

The Advisory Board consists of President Tory, Chairman; A. E. Ewing, Vice-Chairman; W. T. Carpenter, Secretary; Major Marriott, Treasurer; Prof. Miller, Prof. C. E. Bland, S. McCall, Jas. Ramsay, G. Harcourt, Rice Sheppard.

Mr. W. Harlow has been called to become the student secretary of the Intercollegiate Y.M.C.A.



## WAUNEITA SOCIETY.

On March 30, the Wauneita members of Class '14 entertained the Society with a dramatic reproduction of some scenes from "Cranford."

In the first scene Miss Matilda Jenkins, (Miss Helen Montgomery) wearing a wonderful hooped skirt, was engaged in earnest conversation with her niece, Miss Smith (Miss McLaughlin) chiefly on the subject of the maid Martha (Miss Fulmer), whose improper desire to entertain followers caused poor Miss Matty the greatest anxiety.

The next scene was that of the famous tea-party, to which all the elite of Cranford were invited to discuss the gossip of the day, Miss Bell, as Miss Betty Parker, made a charming hostess, and was so successful in putting her guests at their ease that Miss Jamieson (Miss Menzies) paid her the compliment of falling asleep at table, heedless of the salad which Peggy, the maid, inadvertently dropped into her lap. Throughout the scene great amusement was caused by the dumb acting of Miss Dyde in the background, who, as Peggy, was busily engaged in trying on the cloaks and bonnets of the assembled ladies.

The last three scenes were again laid in the drawing-room of Miss Matilda Jenkins, where Miss Matty and Miss Smith were sitting with their backs to each other eating oranges in a way one does not eat them in public. Presently Miss Pole (Miss Sproule) arrived with the exciting intelligence that Lady Glenmire, a cousin of Mrs. Jamieson, had come for a visit to Cranford. When Miss Matty could give her no information on the subject she departed to find out the correct way in which to address a titled lady. She soon returned, however, with the humiliating news that the Cranford ladies were not to be allowed to call upon Lady Glenmire. The consternation this causes in Cranford does not subside until Lady Glenmire takes matters into her own hands and agrees to marry Mr. Hoggins—what a name;—a respectable citizen of that town.

The acting throughout was excellent, as might be expected from our talented seniors. The dresses, too, were most effective, and introduced a pleasing element of variety.

Class '14 are to be congratulated on their success.

## Exchanges

We beg to acknowledge the following exchanges: McGill Daily, The University Monthly, The Dalhousie Gazette, The Almafilian, Okanagan Lyceum, University of Ottawa, Gleam, Western University Gazette, Gonzaga.

The new year seems to have started out well with our contemporaries for a number of magazines have come to our table this month, and have afforded us much pleasant reading. On behalf of our editor-in-chief we wish to echo the sentiments of the editor of the McMaster University Monthly, "Why is it that the editor should have to spend half his time each month in a desperate chase after enough copy to fill the slender literary section of the Magazine? It wants to know why it is that scarcely a single unsolicited contribution finds its way into the editorial sanctum. It wants to know why, even in the case of a paper approved and recommended by the professor of English, it should require such persistent editorial dogging to compel the fortunate author to disgorge?"

We thoroughly understand the reason for these remarks, and sympathise with all editors of university magazines. It would be well if the students would remember what a university is for and wake up, and send articles that would help make the literary section interesting.

We are always glad to see the King's College Record on our table, for its articles are always good. We note with peculiar interest that in this volume the Record inaugurates its alumnae department. We can assure the editors that not only is this column interesting to the Alumni but to their general reader, and hope they will continue as they have begun.

The Manitoba Agricultural College Gazette has a bright and attractive cover, and a number of interesting articles, peculiarly so, we imagine, to the students themselves. The magazine is made even more attractive by the wise use of excellent illustrations. The editors are to be congratulated upon their success.

We quote the following:

"Nothing will aid so much to develop one's conversational ability and enable one to creditably acquit one's self in any walk of life as will the constant reading of standard literature. At the present day there is so much cheap fiction and literature of all descriptions available to the public that much of the best reading material in the English language is never looked at, probably in many cases, through ignorance as to its existence."

"One should always breathe through the nose when asleep," says a physician. "If you awake and find your mouth open, get up and shut it."—(M.A.C. Gazette



Spring, that festive season which seems such a succession of bills, examinations, new moons, and class photographs, also furnishes an occasional moment for mental adjustment, and as the campus mind gradually ripens to dust, the student is prone to begin to catalogue the events of the year with the rest of past memories. Athletically speaking, since September we have had the pleasure of seeing many memorable things done: Sweetman ripping the Tiger line with five yards and fifteen seconds to go, Doctor Sheldon and Prof. Edwards pacing each other over a full quarter mile, and practically every member of the hockey team in the heroic role at some tense moment or other. The noteworthy point, however, were that the individuals enumerated were all members of senior teams, and on them was focussed the full glare of public interest. While the University boasted teams no less worthy, who played their fixtures in empty gymnasiums and deserted rinks, whose only reward was the joy of the game, yet who trained as faithfully and sacrificed as much as any of the senior organizations. The value of the intermediate service will appear in future seasons when the graduates from the secondary teams are promoted to senior rank.

There is no doubt that several of this year's intermediate rugby squad will report with the seniors next September. Van Petten, the big wing (and, of course, Manager Annes, who was an intermediate through personal choice), are sure to be seen in Captain Parson's manoeuvres, while if something would only curdle the milk of human kindness in Valens' breast, he, also, would be lost to the "Scrubs." Riley, the stocky line-plunger, should make senior halves worry, if his ankle remains sound, while James, Woodstock College, will be hard to deprive of an end position. These men served a useful apprenticeship in the intermediate crew, and will make an ambitious entry into provincial football.

With basketball, the Intermediates themselves champions have reason to be congratulated. Every player is almost of senior calibre. Of this year's conquering 'Varsity quintette, Mattern Glenn, Stanton and Love were with the Scrubs last year, Glenn and Mattern disappear this spring by the graduation route, and will be missed, but with James, Simons, Carswell and Ferguson on the waiting list, Varsity need not be apprehensive for future seasons.

The hockey club, because of the high quality of their game, require

stars rather than raw material, and consequently is the most exclusive of 'Varsity organizations.

The annual clash with Saskatchewan proved to be conducive to more amusement than thrills, with all due regard for the hard fighting, plucky squad from the neighbouring province. From the opening moments it was evident that the score would vary directly, as the endurance of Barney Lopston, and when Beecroft, Dean, Dietz and the other stars commenced to lend a helping hand,

even the 'Varsity supporters grew blase. The hard struggle in senior ranks had made Alberta all too fit for the invaders.

Sympathy should be extended to R. P. Chubb, who was obliged to witness the games from the ice, and whose feet got abominably cold; also to Captain Dean, who toiled like a Trojan to get a goal, and was repeatedly robbed by the merest chance, although he was responsible for a number of the tallies through splendid combination.

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## THE LOUNGE.

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Wordy Arts Student—"You should take English I. and learn to speak correctly."

Rather angry Science man—"You should take a course in engineering and learn to control gas."

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Copy of notes taken by student lately—"Isn't H——n" gown lovely?"

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(English Play Notes.)

Captain Absolute (Paddy Nolan) dramatically: "Ah! I mean Oh!"

Sir Lucius O'Trigger's Irish accent is almost as atrocious as his duelling pistols."

Captain Absolute—"I kneel later on."

Dr. Fairley—"Where?"

Captain Absolute—"On the bottom of the next page."

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Copy from Edmonton paper re recent election to French Academy. "Prof. Bergson succeeds the late Emil Oliver as one of the forty immortals." We are glad there is safety in numbers.

In a perfectly modern manner we present the following, which was lately overheard in the rotunda: "What is there in The Gateway this month?" "A page and a half of jokes."

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Freshman—"Have you had your face took?" Disgruntled Sophomore—"No, I've got the mumps."

That intuition is no longer the exclusive property of women, the following conversation gives amproof: First Gentleman—"The outside students' concert was splendid, wasn't it? It surely deserved the first place." Second Gentleman—"It certainly did." First Gentleman—"How did you like the resident students' program?" Second—"I didn't hear it. How did you like the first and second programs of the contest?" First Gentleman—"I didn't hear either of them!"

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The last tests are evidently serving their purpose; a hopeful freshette was heard to remark lately that she thought she would be able to get at least ten dollars' worth of supplementals.

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We have it on authority that Miss R——r is working hard to be put at the mumps table.

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What of the latest Freshman notice re reception: "Dancing will be provided for those who do not participate in the games!"

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new?" At anyrate we congratulate the '17 Class for its courage.

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Harper, after getting a black-eye while boxing: "I hope it won't spoil my appearance for Friday's reception."

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Again we copy from a local paper heading: "Moon's eclipse was seen in all its beauty." Rather a fading variety, eh?

### To Poultry Raisers.

"I guess, Pat, you haven't as fine hens here as in the States," said an American on a holiday in Roscommon. "Perhaps not," said Pat. "I'll tell you," said the Yankee, "about" a hen my mother had. She went out one day and ate a feed of corn and returned and laid twelve eggs. She went out the third day and returned and laid twelve more eggs. She went out the fourth day and hatched seventy-two chicks out of thirty-two eggs. Now that is the kind of hens we have in the States."

"Well," said Pat, "I'll tell you about a half blind hen my mother had. She ate a feed of sawdust thinking it was oatmeal. She went to her nest and laid a plank twelve feet long. She ate more sawdust the next day and again laid a plank twelve feet long. Again on the third day she ate more sawdust and laid another twelve-foot plank. She sat on the three planks and hatched three kitchen chairs, a soft, one table and a mahogany chest of drawers. Now," said Pat, with a twinkle in his eye "that is the kind of hens we have in Roscommon."—Exchange.

### Tonics and Sedatives

Doctor: "You'll have to cut out some of this wine, cards and song business; It's killing you."

Patient: "All right, Doc, I'll never sing again."

### With One Policy.

When some men die the loss is entirely covered by insurance!

### The Logical Finish.

Dayton: "I know the tango and the turkey trot, but what is the St. Vitus?"

Doyle: "Oh, that's one you do with a trained nurse."

### Three Reasons.

Village Doctor (to the old Deacon who is paying a call): "But surely Saunders, you'll have a wee drop of something before you go?"

Saunders: "No, thank you, Doc. I've three gude reasons for refusing your hospitality. First, I'm chairman of the local temperance society; 2nd, I'm just going to a kirk meeting; 3rd, I've just had one."

### New Facts For the Biography of Franklin.

"Benjamin Franklin was the father of the American Constitution. He translated it into French for the Revolutionists. He also discovered electricity and founded the Saturday Evening Post."

"Benjamin Franklin was one of the forefathers of the United States. . . !"

### Excruciating.

Ho—"Why the 'sad eyed stuff,' friend? Recovering from a painful operation, eh?"

Bo—"Yeah! the M. D. just took ten bones out of my hand."

DANTE IN THE MUMPS  
CIRCLE.

My guide conducted me by paths  
diverse.  
And corridors that breathed tobacco smoke—  
A weed first introduced to Hades' shore,  
By one who persevering in his Crime,  
Resolved on this foretaste of destiny.  
When all at once strange yells  
arose as if  
Th' imprisoned spirits heard of  
our approach.  
Threat my guide began to gird  
his robe  
About him, warning me to look  
ahead  
And watch for sprays of water,  
issuing forth  
From close-barred casements near  
the ground; so warned,  
I gazed, and saw imprisoned  
shades, so swol'n  
About the neck, that had I understood  
The anthropophagi were punished  
here,  
Whose heads between their  
shoulders grow, I should  
Not wondering have questioned  
thus my guide  
The meaning of the sight. So  
sickened then  
Was I, that straight I swooned  
but soon came to  
For at the sight the shades burst  
forth in yells,  
And sent a spray that would have  
drowned three tall,  
And well-proportioned Germans;  
thus I came  
To know the meaning of my  
guide's strange words;  
"Approach," he said, "for now  
they have to go  
And fill their reservoirs again  
from styx,

Too far a journey to allow of  
swift  
Return." With trembling limbs  
I got me near,  
And saw one noted spirit, the  
spirit smallest there;  
"Whence come you, for I know  
your face of old  
In school days?" "Dexter is my  
name, my lot  
To stay confined in these fell  
regions here,  
My only solace, bathing in the  
styx,  
And shooting sprays of it at  
visitors."  
"And you foul spirit"—"Mother-  
sill my name,  
Condemned alike to wear a face  
full blown,  
And yet no consolation in my  
pain.  
Our umpire has a book, where  
one may read  
Strange characters; with this, we  
do employ  
The wretched hours; 'five hun-  
dred' is the game  
A worthy occupation for the  
nonce,  
Fit work from such a worthy  
authorship."  
"And you, poor spirit." "Cascaden  
is my name,  
When on the earth I was a science  
man,  
And worthy was the work; it  
brought me here."  
"Strange spirit, thus I will re-  
count on earth  
The evils of an ill, mistaken  
course."  
Thereat my guide brought me  
away, but long  
It was before I could forget the  
strange  
And awful fate those poor tor-  
mented imps  
Had engendered by their luckless  
acts  
When living in a world so beau-  
tiful.

—H.R.L.

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METHODIST THEOLOGICAL

We regret that we have little to report this month except what has come under our own observation. There has been plenty of activity in the college, but, owing to a lack of industry on the part of a few, no reports have been handed to us for publication.

We have been accused of being pessimistic in our outlook, because in these columns we have ventured to offer a few criticisms on college matter. We have no intention to defend ourselves beyond stating that we desire to point out when we could get more out of our college life, and make our representative teams in athletics more effective by building up a strong reserve.

Our fourth annual conversation took place on Tuesday, March 3rd. There was a large attendance, about six hundred people, including the students themselves, being present. The most interesting feature of the evening was the presentation to the College of an excellent life-sized portrait in oils of Dr. J. H. Riddell. This presentation was made on behalf of the Board of Management by Messrs. P. E. Butchart and E. Richardson, and accepted on behalf of the College by Prof. C. E. Bland.

The programme was thoroughly enjoyed, judging by the hearty applause and frequent encores. Vocal solos were contributed by

Miss M. Atkinson, Mrs. A. J. W. Myers, Messrs. P. K. Macgregor, and H. Chadwick; piano solo by Miss C. M. Bell; violin solo by Mr. C. Gardner; leading by Prof. C. E. Bland; a sketch, entitled "His Unbiased Opinion," by Misses G. Hicks and E. Hamilton and Mr. F. Woodworth; chorus by the College Glee Club. During the promenades supper was served, and by 2 a.m. the guests returned home, voting the evening to have been a good time.

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The annual oratorical contest was held during the last month. There was a very good entry, but unfortunately some withdrew, narrowing the contest to some extent. In the preliminary heats J. Goodson, G. Edwards, and S. Pike were successful. These three battled for final honors on Friday, February 13th, and the last named was successful in winning the gold medal. While G. Edwards did not succeed in winning the medal, he had the pleasure of hearing that he won the song competition.

The final in the interclass debate was held on Friday, February 28th, when the team representing the first year competed with the team of the final year. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved that it is in the best interests of Canada to reduce her tariff to a revenue basis." After

an exceedingly close debate, the first year men, taking the affirmative, won. The team representing the final year was H. Bosomworth and D. Telfer, and those who represented the first year were J. Nightingale and R. Simons.

Fluctuating progress is never so good as steady progress. A man may fritter away half an hour, and then drive himself to do ninety minutes' work in the next hour. But he has not even held his own when he does this. There has been waste—waste of time and of

tissue; and waste is never really made up. The tortoise's steady progress beat the hare's frantic efforts to recover the lost race. It will always be so. Better to hold to steady work, starting it crisply in the early morning, and letting it go sharply at the time to stop, than to count upon recovering what few minutes are lost, and deceive ourselves into thinking that it has ended well. All is well that ends well, but it has not ended well unless it was well at every step of the way.

—"Great Thoughts."

### LAUS DEO.

Let praise devote thy work, and  
skill employ

Thy whole mind, and thy heart be  
lost in joy.

Well-doing bringeth pride, this  
constant thought

Humility, that thy best done is  
nought.

Man doeth nothing well, be it  
great or small,

Save to praise God; but that hath  
saved all;

For God requires no more than  
thou hast done,

And takes thy work to bless it as  
his own.

(*Bk. IV., 30, Robert Bridges*).

### NIGHTINGALES.

Beautiful must be the mountains  
whence ye come,

And bright in the fruitful valleys  
the streams, wherefrom

Ye learn your song:

Where are those starry woods? O  
might I wander there,

Among the flowers, which in that  
heavenly air

Bloom the year long!

Nay, barren are those mountains  
and spent the streams:

Our song is the voice of desire,  
that haunts our dreams,

A throe of the heart,  
Whose pining visions dim, forbid-

den hopes profound,  
No dying cadence nor long sigh

can sound,  
For all our art.

Alone, aloud in the raptured ear  
of men

We pour our dark nocturnal  
secret; and then

As night is withdrawn  
From these sweet-springing

meads and bursting boughs  
of May,

Dream, while the innumerable  
choir of day

(*Bk. V., 12, Robert Bridges*).



ROBERTSON  
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There was a sound of revelry by night, and the people next door wondered who had gathered there; for all through the week they had lived in blissful ignorance that Thursday was election day. Robertson, however, is fortunate in its neighbors. They, like all good Christians, suffer long, and are kind and think no evil.

The young bloods, however, were only having a little potlatch preliminary to the declaration of the poll: so "*honi soit qui mal y pense*," as the unicorn said to the lion, and on with the dance.

Angus MacDonald takes up the pipes and John Knox and Henry Drummond call the tune. Now G. H. Morrison and Lord Macaulay are on the floor, and all chase the glowing hours with flying feet.

But hark! a heavy sound strikes like a rising knell. 'Tis Sergeant MacAllister's footfall on the library floor. He comes to quell the rising now, but—cruel shame—is rushed headlong into the hall and foremost fighting falls.

"But, hark again! Oh dinna ye hear it, oh dinna yet hear? The 'Campbells' are coming! 'Mac-Gregor' is near, and so is the psychological moment: the results are now to be posted.

The scene is changed. Ah! now and there is hurrying to and fro, and gathering fears and tremblings of distress, and cheeks are pale, which but an hour ago blushed at the thought of their own chances of success.

One unsuccessful candidate is heard to mutter a verse from Job

about wisdom dying with somebody or other. Another, to whom the sweets of office have fallen, is seen to stretch his neck and actually look an inch taller, but all are sobered, save Morrison and Bullock.

But cheer up bottom dogs! Your day will come. All honour to you who honoured the offices by contesting them. We know that no black envy shall mark your political graves. There will be no crying of sour grapes or rotten fish. You will dry your tears, not to cry revenge but revigorate.

A. L. Carr has again the honor of the presidency. He will carry it well. He is a tried and trusted leader, and yields the palm to none where the honor and welfare of the College is concerned.

For the vice-presidency, Fulton predicted for himself the top place, and he has got it, but James has kissed the Blarney Stone long before he left the old sod.

Parker again is in charge of athletics. Thompon deserves a pat on the back for 'staying with' the contest, but with the sleepless Parker on the job we may all sleep sound o' nights.

Hot time, but the Editor fails me to tell of Sneddon and Turner and Kirk and Agston; of Knox also, and of Graham, who waxed valiant in fight and escaped the edge of the sword (or should I say the guillotine) However all's well that ends well, and if the new administration breaks no harness in the coming year neither will it break any hearts. —M. S. K.

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